

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41**

(By Delegates Walters, Armstead, Ashley, Azinger, Barill, Border,  
D. Campbell, T. Campbell, Canterbury, Carmichael, Cowles, Ellem,  
Ellington, Evans, Guthrie, Howell, Ireland, Kump, Longstreth,  
Manchin, Marshall, Michael, Moore, Nelson, Pasdon, Paxton,  
Perdue, Pethtel, D. Poling, Poore, Romine, Rowan, Skaff, Smith,  
Storch, Sumner, White and Williams)

Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance study the  
feasibility and cost effectiveness of replacing printed school  
textbooks with downloaded versions on an electronic device  
such as a e-reader, tablet or smart phone.

WHEREAS, It is important to give school districts high quality,  
cost-effective options to consider when choosing textbooks for the  
classroom not only in these difficult economic times but in years  
to come; and

WHEREAS, Replacing printed school textbooks with downloaded  
versions is an important step toward embracing a more interactive  
learning environment that leverages technology to meet the changing  
academic needs of students; and

WHEREAS, Digital textbooks not only provide better information  
and are good for students' achievement, but also for schools'  
bottom lines by reducing costs; and

WHEREAS, Printed school textbooks are soon out-of-date  
particularly in the fields of science and history while digital  
textbooks keep information new and fresh and are easily updated;  
and

1       WHEREAS, Going digital eliminates the need for students to  
2 "lug" around antiquated, heavy and expensive textbooks; therefore,  
3 be it

4       *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

5       That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance is hereby  
6 requested to study the feasibility and cost effectiveness of  
7 replacing printed school textbooks with downloaded versions on an  
8 electronic device such as an e-reader, tablet or smart phone; and,  
9 be it

10       *Further Resolved,* That the Joint Committee on Government and  
11 Finance report to the Legislature, on the first day of the regular  
12 session, 2012, on its findings, conclusions and recommendations,  
13 together with drafts of legislation necessary to effectuate its  
14 recommendations; and, be it

15       *Further Resolved,* That the expense necessary to conduct this  
16 study, to prepare a report and to draft necessary legislation be  
17 paid from legislative appropriations to the Joint Committee on  
18 Government and Finance.